



## **Solomon Islands Independent Commission Against Corruption (SIICAC) Independence Anniversary Message**

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The Solomon Islands Independent Commission Against Corruption (SIICAC) wishes the Government and People of Solomon Islands a Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary Celebrations.

The independence Anniversary marks the birth of our beloved Country Solomon Islands as an independent sovereign democratic country, and a member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

The 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary day is not only a time for celebrations, but a day for all of us to reflect upon the road that we have travelled so far together as a Country since we attained our Independence on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1978.

We thank our Almighty God for bestowing us with bountiful resources and for the priceless freedom that we continue to enjoy and share.

SIICAC acknowledges the vision of the founding fathers of our country and their great contributions to the peace and security, that we continue to enjoy today. SIICAC also acknowledges the contributions of past and present National and Provincial leaders, Traditional and Community Leaders, Church and Faith based Organisations and their respective ministries, our rural farmers and fishermen, transport operators and our people in our rural communities in the four corners of our country including our development partners (Regional and International), Diplomatic friends, the works done by the Civil Society and Non - Government Organisations (CSO/NGOs), Business Organisations, State Owned Enterprises (SOEs), and the Private Sector.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, let us be reminded of our duty to build a secure, peaceful and prosperous Solomon Islands by uniting our efforts towards nation building that is founded on good governance principles, accountability, transparency, integrity, morality and Christian values. We owe this duty to our country, our children and their children's children.

As the Government Agency that is statutorily mandated to lead the fight against corruption in our Country, SIICAC stands committed to collaborate with our citizens, law enforcement agencies, the integrity institutions, CSO/NGOs, donor partners and other stakeholders, to implement the *Anti-Corruption Act, 2018* including the National Anti-Corruption Strategy.

Further, SIICAC is committed to promote the values of integrity, transparency and accountability; strengthen the internal systems and processes that support corruption prevention; empower our citizens with information to contribute to the fight against corruption, and to combat all forms of corruption at all levels of our society and sectors of our economy.

Together we can build a prosperous Solomon Islands.

**God Bless Solomon Islands from shore to shore.**